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In re the Application of

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For: NON-AQUEOUS ELECTROCHEMICAL APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

4. (amended) A non-aqueous electrochemical apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the surface tension  $\gamma_1$  of electrolyte is 10-45 dynes/cm.

Please add the following new claims:

--23. A non-aqueous electrochemical apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the surface tension  $\gamma_1$  of electrolyte is 10-45 dynes/cm.

24. A non-aqueous electrochemical apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the surface tension  $\gamma_1$  of electrolyte is 10-45 dynes/cm.--

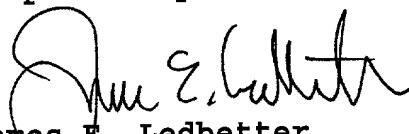
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment eliminates the multiple dependent claim status of claim 4 in order to avoid the multiple dependent claim surcharge.

New claims 23 & 24 are added in order to recapture the subject matter deleted in the amendment to claim 4.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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MARKED UP VERSION

4. (amended) A non-aqueous electrochemical apparatus according to [any one of claims] claim [1-3] 1, wherein the surface tension  $\gamma_1$  of electrolyte is 10-45 dynes/cm.